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MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE

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1. National Health Ministry

1. Ministry has its headquarters in Warsaw. *are* *I am* not familiar with its organization, personnel, projects, budget, recent decrees, success or failure. 25X1X6
2. Water supply - Water is brought in by barrels and tanks, hand pumped into reservoirs for future use. This procedure is common in all villages and small towns. Slupsk, Deblin and Warsaw have an adequate pipe line system to take care of the demand. Subject unable to say whether all water for civilian consumption is filtered and chlorinated. As far as he knows there has been no shortage of water in the larger cities. There are no public drinking fountains. Water conservation is practiced in all places at all times.
3. Disease Vectors - Majority of the population is inoculated against contagious diseases. Of these, typhus, cholera and small pox inoculations are most important. To force the population to become inoculated one must show a card containing a record of inoculations in order to obtain a food ration card. Tuberculosis is wide-spread among the younger generation. He is not familiar with any control measures or other governmental efforts to combat disease propagation by vectors.
4. Food Supply - covered in other reports. Present Regime measures concerning children's milk programs are on a small scale. Before the Communists took over the children in grade school were given soup and cocoa. Milk-lines at dairies from at 4 AM. The dairies open at 7 AM and in one hour the supply of milk is exhausted. Civilian food is of poor quality. This consists of bread, potatoes and cabbage. A family receives one pound of meat per week.
5. Medical - Sanitary Personnel - There is a shortage of doctors to care for the population. All private practice is forbidden although doctors have been known to give treatment to many people behind locked doors and drawn shades. All activities of doctors are state controlled. For their services the Government gives each doctor a 1000 zlotys per month. Midwives are found in villages and these too are paid by the Government. Dentist's work is handicapped by lack of instruments, anesthetics and materials. Extractions of teeth are made without local anesthetic, there are no fillings to be had. Crowns for teeth are given only to those in the Air Corps. The crowns are made of metal which rust and crack within two months. Hospitals are understaffed. Religious order nurses have been eliminated completely.
6. Hospitals, Poly clinics, Rural Aid Stations, Dispensaries - Building of hospitals and clinics is on the upgrade. Subject is not familiar with bed capacity, staff, equipment and supplies, quality of service, and deficiencies. Villages do not have dispensaries or clinics.

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7. Medical Supplies - Facilities for manufacture of drugs are limited. No drugs remain on hand because they are supplied according to demand. A patient in need of drugs must wait months before he receives them. All pharmacies have been taken over by the state. A prescription must accompany each request for drugs and medicines. Shelves in drug stores remain empty at all times due to the shortage of various drugs.
8. Laboratories and Research Centers - Unable to answer.
9. Worker's Health Program - a medical journal is issued each month explaining various sickness and disease, symptoms, after effects, cure and treatment. The journal is widely read, however, cure and treatment suggestions are of no value because the necessary medicines are not available.
10. Disease Information and Vital Statistics - Statistics are never issued in newspapers or medical journals. The percentage of people dying from combined factors is safely guarded for purposes of morale.
11. Waste Disposal - Sanitary provisions are poor. Only the larger cities are equipped with disposal systems. Villages, towns and rural areas depend on the "bucket system" of disposal.
12. Medical evacuation, medical supplies - Each regiment has only one doctor and one dentist. A soldier who is sick must ask permission to see the doctor. Medical officers are not allowed to release sick men from duty. The final decision rests with the unit's commanding officer. Should the commanding officer order a sick man to continue on duty, he is responsible and will answer to his superiors if the man dies.

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